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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ARAB CAMPAIGN TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM
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SUMMARY. UK RECOGNIZES THAT THREAT OF ARAB ACTION TO
TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UNGA IS SERIOUS ENOUGH TO REQUIRE
SELECTIVE LOBBYING NOW. UK IS PROPOSING THAT EC-NINE
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TAKE COLLECTIVE ACTION TO THIS END. UK OFFICIALS FEEL

THAT DETAILS CAN BEST BE WORKED OUT IN NEW YORK. END
SUMMARY.

1. POLCOUNS SAW MICHAEL WEIR AND ASSOCIATES JULY 3 TO
DISCUSS SUSPENSION PROBLEM AND PROMISED UK ANALYSIS OF
SITUATION. WEIR SAID UK AGREES THAT THREAT HAS NOW
GROWN TO PROPORTION WHICH REQUIRES ACTION BY WESTERN
POWERS.

2. ON JUNE 27, EC MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS DISCUSSED U.S.
NOTE AND AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO POLITICAL DIRECTORS THAT
EC SHOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE SUSPENSION ACTIVITIES
WITH DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT IN NEW YORK. THE
POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL MAKE A DECISION AND FORMULATE
A RESPONSE TO THE U.S. AT THEIR NEXT MEETING ON JULY 7-
8 (NOTE: WEIR ASKS THAT HE BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED ON ALL
STATEMENTS RELATING TO EC POLICY AND ACTIVITIES; HE IS
VIOLATING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE TO DISCUSS RECOMMEND-
ATIONS TO POLITICAL DIRECTORS WITH US.).

3. MEANWHILE UK HAS SENT A CABLE TO THE EC-NINE THROUGH
THE ITALIAN CHAIRMAN SUGGESTING THAT EC-NINE UN MISSIONS
SHOULD BEGIN TO CONSULT ON AN ACTION PROGRAM. UKUN
JUMPED GUN AND CALLED MEETING OF MISSIONS JULY 7 WHICH
RESULTED IN AGREEMENT TO REPORT TO GOVERNMENTS THAT:

A. THERE IS VALID EVIDENCE THAT THE THREAT OF
ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL IS REAL AND THE CONSENSUS
OF MISSIONS IS THAT EC LOBBYING COULD BE USEFUL IN
COUNTERING THE THREAT.

B. THE EC COULD USEFULLY LOBBY SOME ARAB STATES
AND KEY AFRICAN AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED.

C. LOBBYING EFFORTS SHOULD STRESS THE POINTS OF
UNIVERSALITY, EFFECT OF SUSPENSION OF PEACE EFFORTS
AND POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE UN, THE ARABS' CHOSEN
INSTRUMENT FOR STATING THEIR SIDE OF THE OVERALL
CASE.

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4. IMPORTANT EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND ARE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING JULY 12, ARAB-AFRICAN MEETING JULY 9-10, OAU MEETING JULY 28 (IF IT TAKES PLACE) AND LIMA NON-ALIGNED MEETING AUGUST 25. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT U.S. AND EC WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT COOPERATIVE LOBBYING PROGRAM BEFORE FIRST OF THESE EVENTS; EC PROBABLY WILL PROCEED ON ITS OWN AND COORDINATE AT LATER DATE.

5. WEIR BELIEVES THAT EARLY LOBBYING SHOULD BE SELECT-
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IVE: A FEW ARAB STATES (EGYPT, ARABIA AND SYRIA) AND A

FEW OF OTHER KEY AFRICAN STATES LIKE KENYA, SWAZILAND, ETC.). A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM CAN BE CRANKED UP FOR LIMA.

6. MEANWHILE WE REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS POSED BY WEIR AND CO:

A. WHAT IS U.S. VIEW ON HOW WIDESPREAD LOBBYING SHOULD BE IN JULY?

B. WHAT WILL BE NATURE OF U.S. POSITION, FIRM BUT LOW-KEY OR HARD ALL THE WAY?

C. COULD UK HAVE TEXT ON CLARIFICATION OF REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY SISCO ON POSSIBLE U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM UN IF ISRAEL EXPELLED.

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